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RESPONSE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Thornton § EXAMINER: SOTOMAYOR  
SERIAL NO: 09/699,805 § GROUP ART UNIT: 3714  
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FOR: Apparatus for Simulating a Pulse and Heart §  
Beat and Methods for Using Same to Train Medical §  
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RESPONSE TO 18 DECEMBER 2002 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Sotomayor:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated 18 December 2002 Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

SUMMARY OF NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

| Election                     | Group I  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Claims 1, 2, 9, 11 and 17    | 102(e) anticipation by                         |
| Claim 8, 10, 12-16 and 18-24 | 103(a) obvious Eggert et al.+ Takashina et al. |

**REMARKS**

Applicants intend this response to be a complete response to the Examiner's 18 December 2002 Non-Final Office Action. Applicants have numbered the paragraphs in their response to correspond to the paragraph numbering in the Office Action for the convenience of the Examiner. Please note that related paragraphs are combined in paragraph number ranges, e.g., 2-3.

*Election/Restrictions*

1. Applicant acknowledges that Group I claims 1-2 and 8-24 are pending in this case, and Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional application.